

Turks and Caicos Groups Astir:

Islands Seeking Share Of Caribbean Tourism

Grand Turk, Turks and Caicos Islands in the British West Indies are making a bid for a share of the burgeoning Caribbean tourist business.

According to Lewis W. Bealer of Grand Turk, the legislative board has passed an ordinance authorizing exemption from customs duties and tonnage tax of materials for use in building and equipping hotels.

He said Jamaica interests are understood to be prepared to proceed with construction of a modern hotel at Grand Turk.

The Turks and Caicos groups are geographically part of The Bahamas, lying some 500 miles southeast of Nassau and 100 miles from Haiti's north coast. Politically, they are a separate entity, Bealer explained, administered as a dependency of Jamaica.

Bahamas Airways, Ltd., flies a weekly service between Grand Turk and Nassau under a government mail subsidy, with calls at San Salvador, Inagua and Mayaguana, all in The Bahamas.

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